



COVID-19

REOPENING UPDATE

Summary (updates highlighted in yellow)

Date: Monday, July 6, 2020

Source: Maryland Health Department COVID-19 dashboard

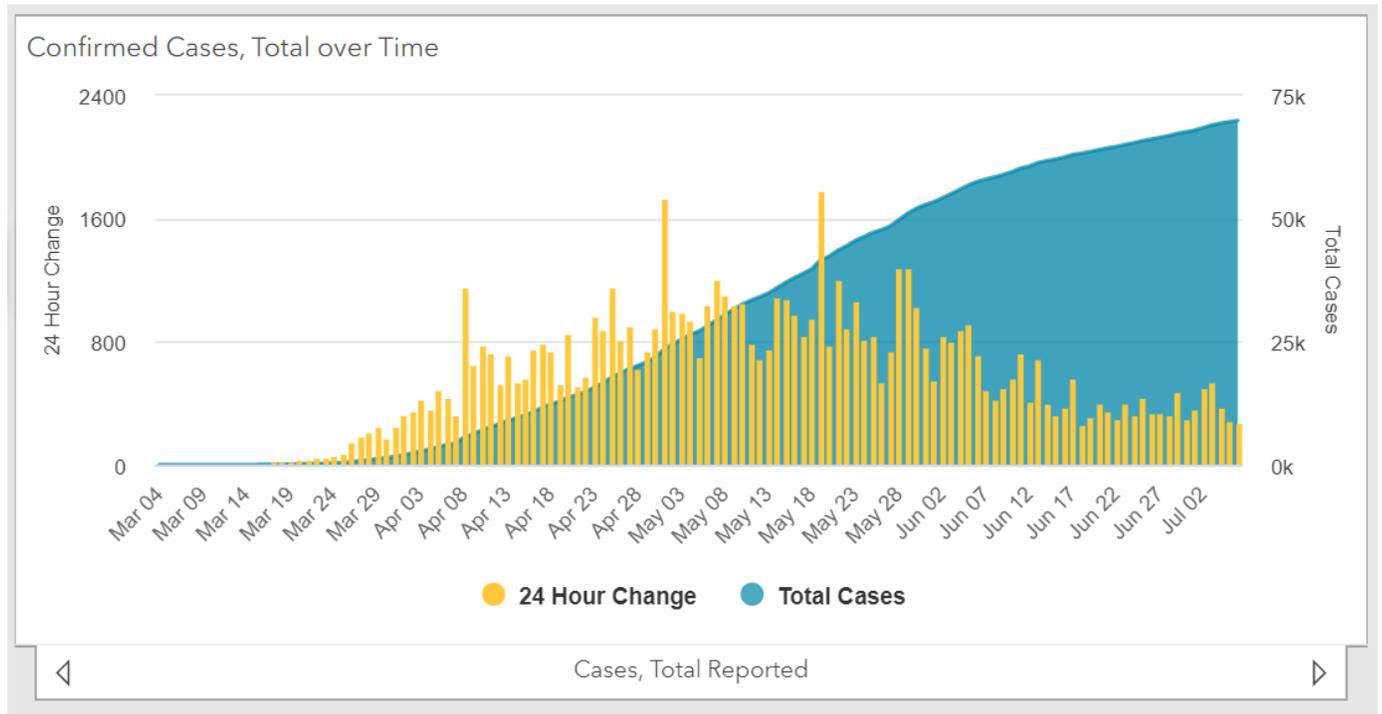
Visit the [Prince George's County COVID-19 dashboard](#) to view data for all zip codes in the County and the [Maryland dashboard](#) for statewide data.

<p>Bowie Confirmed Cases: 1,118 (+19)* 20715: 233 (+4) 20716: 278 (+8) 20720: 271 (+1) 20721: 336 (+6) <i>*additional cases since 7/2</i></p>	<p>Prince George's County Confirmed Cases: 19,040 (+272) Total Deaths: 690 (+1) Ever hospitalized: 3,047 (+5) Ranking: 22nd in the nation for highest number of cases.</p>	<p>MD Confirmed Cases 69,904 (+272) Deaths 3,246 (+3) Released from Isolation: 5,029 = 7%</p>												
<p style="text-align: center;">Testing</p> <p>MD Tests Completed: 724,463 (+10,937) Negative Tests: 517,457 (+7,127) MD Positivity Rate: 4.51% PGC Positivity Rate: 7.11% <i>Data Current as of 7/2.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maryland Hospitalizations Data Tracker</p> <table border="0"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Currently Hospitalized:</td> <td>403</td> <td>-1.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acute Care:</td> <td>292</td> <td>-1.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intensive Care</td> <td>149</td> <td>-1.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ever Hospitalized</td> <td>11,096</td> <td>15.8%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Currently Hospitalized:	403	-1.4%	Acute Care:	292	-1.5%	Intensive Care	149	-1.4%	Ever Hospitalized	11,096	15.8%
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<p><i>With the exception of City of Bowie cases, the figures presented here represent 24-hour changes.</i></p>														

Maryland Numbers Continue to Trend in a Positive Direction

Today, the state announced more good news regarding its hospitalization and positivity rates. Hospitalizations are at their lowest levels since late March and new cases are the lowest they've been since March 22. The statewide positivity rate dropped to a new low of 4.51%. The only concerning news in today's numbers is that the positivity rate among those under 35 is 58% higher than the rate for those over 35.

Maryland Cases Over Time



Source: Maryland COVID-19 Dashboard

220+ COVID Testing Sites Statewide

Maryland now has more than 220 testing sites available statewide. Both the Glen Burnie VEIP and Six Flags America theme park now offer no-appointment, drive-thru testing. Both sites operate on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information about testing sites in Maryland, visit coronavirus.maryland.gov and click on the “Testing” tab.

Prince George’s County Health Department operates several testing sites in the County. Appointments are no longer required. For more information, call 301-883-6627 or visit the [County testing webpage](#).

COVID-19 Hourly Employee Relief Fund

Prince George’s County Council Chair, Councilman Todd M. Turner has partnered with Employ Prince George’s to provide economic relief to District 4 residents who were recently laid off due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. \$200 EPG Visa Cash Cards will be distributed to qualified District 4 applicants in the coming weeks.

EPG will review the COVID-19 Hourly Employee Relief Fund District 4 applicants individually. Cash cards are based on the availability of funding, and priority will be given to District 4 hourly workers who earned \$19 or less prior to being laid off due to the pandemic. Apply for a cash card or make a donation to the fund at www.employppgedge.com.

Guidance for Visiting Beaches and Pools

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued [guidance for visiting beaches and pools](#). Although there is no evidence that COVID-19 spreads through water, the virus does spread easily between people in crowded places.

To reduce your risk: stay home if you have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) or just aren’t feeling well. Keep at least six feet away from others both in and out of the water. Wear masks or face coverings when not in the water. Wash hands often with soap and water. Don’t share toys or other items with those outside your

household. Avoid crowded areas.

Other CDC Guidance for Summer:

[Considerations for Travelers – Coronavirus in the US](#)

[Visiting Parks and Recreation Facilities](#)

[Considerations for Public Beaches](#)

Governor Postpones Shutoffs for Another Month

Governor Hogan has extended the order to prohibit utility providers from shutting off service or charging late fees to August 1, 2020. This includes electric, gas, sewage disposal, water, telephone, cable and internet services.

City Government – What’s Open and What’s Closed?

The City of Bowie has eased some restrictions on activities and services:

Open Now*

- Service windows at City Hall for Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Rental Licenses, & Water Bill Payments
- Police Department lobby for obtaining police reports, paying speed cameras, and conducting other Police Department business.
- Farmers’ Market (with COVID-19 restrictions)
- Parks and playgrounds
- Fitness equipment in parks
- Ballfields for youth sports and low contact sports (maximum 10 per field). Practices only; no competitions.
- Tennis courts
- Outdoor basketball courts

Open Beginning Week of July 6 ()**

- City Gymnasium open with restrictions.
- Permits required for ballfields. Residents only.
- Picnic permits required for pavilions and other permitted areas (max 100). Residents only.

(Please note: Capacity and other limitations are in effect, per the Prince George’s County Executive Order in effect June 29, at 5 p.m. This information is subject to change. Visit www.cityofbowie.org or call 301-262-6200 for details and updated information.*

*(**) Ice Arena opening has been delayed.*

Still Closed, Canceled, or Suspended

- Historic Properties, Senior Center, Kenhill Center
- Conference room reservations
- Concerts at Allen Pond Park (through at least July 31)
- City events
- In-person meetings (City Council, committees, stakeholder, and town hall meetings are all being conducted virtually.)

Video Showcases How the Library System is Providing Services During the Pandemic

The Prince George's County Library System is gradually reopening services. The system also offers online resources like virtual story times, online classes, free tutoring, and much more. Watch our

[video interview](#) with a library representative to learn about all that's going on at the library.

Summer Learning in Prince George's County

Prince George's County Schools (PCGPS) is offering several, free Virtual Summer Learning opportunities. Check out the [latest PGCPs newsletter](#) for details on programs being offered.

Bulk Items Now Picked Up on Trash Days

Large items, such as mattresses, couches, tables, etc. can now be put out for collection on your regular trash days. No appointments necessary. The only items that will require special pickup appointments are tires, appliances, and other large items that are all metal.

- Bulk items are large items that cannot fit in a trash can or bag; items include sofas, mattresses, tables, large toys. etc.
- Bulk items may be set alongside your regular trash on the normal trash collection days.
- Large metal items - metal furniture, appliances, grills (no tanks) - will be collected on Wednesdays by appointment only. Call 301-809-2344 or visit www.cityofbowie.org/servicerequest to schedule an appointment.
- Small metal items that can fit in a trash can, should be disposed of in that way.

Please exercise care to ensure the health and safety of our crews when setting out trash. With the exception of bulk items, all other trash should be placed in closed bags or in a trash can with a lid. Medical waste and human or animal waste should always be double bagged. Glass should be protected to limit possibility of injury to collectors. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344.

Business Reopening Questions

County businesses with questions about whether or not they can reopen and how they can operate as they move through a phased reopening plan should contact the Experience Prince George's Office. Email ReopenPrinceGeorges@co.pg.md.us or call 301-925-8300. If you are a restaurant looking to expand outdoor seating options, visit dpie.mypgc.us/outdoorseating

Other News...

Virtual City Council Meeting Tonight at 8 p.m.

View the meeting live on Bowie government television (FIOS 10/Comcast 71 & 996) or at www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings. Submit testimony for the meeting by emailing ahernandez@cityofbowie.org by 7 p.m. tonight. For more information contact City Clerk Awilda Hernandez at 301-809-3029.

Agenda items:

- Establishing the Bowie COVID-19 Business Recovery Assistance Program
- Hall Station Annexation discussion
- Ice Arena – RFP review and selection for public/private partnership
- Creating an Ice Arena and Recreation Facility Task Force
- Creation of a Bowie Youth Council
- Racism Discussion

Chief Chat

The Police Department held a Virtual Town Hall in early June about police services. More than 100 questions were sent in by Bowie residents. The Chief and Deputy Chief answered a majority of questions that evening and covered a wide variety of topics. However, due to time constraints, not all the questions

were answered.

In the latest [Chief Chat video](#), Chief John Nesky addresses the questions that they were not able to answer during the Town Hall. You can also [view the Virtual Bowie Police Department Town Hall](#).

Job Openings

The City of Bowie is hiring for the following positions:

- Equipment Operator – Streets (closes 7/8/2020)
- Crime Scene Investigator (closes 7/31/2020)
- Entry Level Police Officer (open)
- Communications Specialist II – Police Department (open)

For more information, visit www.cityofbowie.org/jobs.

Message from Prince George’s County about the 2020 Census

The current Prince George’s County Self-Response rate as of June 29, 2020 is 63.4%. On August 11, 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will commence its door to door follow up operations for residents that have not completed their Census forms. To minimize door to door contact, we are asking community members to contact five family members or friends and encourage them to complete the Census online, by phone or via mail. The next Census will not take place again until 2030, so let’s make sure Prince George’s County gets the federal funding and resources it needs over the next 10 years!

At 78.8%, Bowie’s response rate is above the County and State average but still under the 100% that we’re aiming for. Please do your part now and fill out your census form. Call 1-844-330-2020 or visit www.2020census.gov. Non-responding households will begin to receive visits from census takers in August. (If you are part of the 78.8% of Bowie households that have already completed your form—we thank you!)

Also, please note that the Census Bureau is still hiring and will host its next *Virtual Bilingual Recruitment Information Session* on **Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 2 p.m.**

LOOKING FOR CENSUS TAKERS & MORE

United States Census 2020

THURSDAY JUL 9
2:00pm - 3:00pm

VIRTUAL BILINGUAL RECRUITMENT INFO SESSION

Register at: bit.ly/julycensus2020